

## CROWDER UPHELD IN WAR RULING

Wilson Peace Cry False,  
Laymen and Mexican  
Diplomat Say

Republican political leaders manifested a lively interest yesterday in the decision of Brigadier General Crowder, Judge Advocate General, that an actual state of war existed between the United States and Mexico. The decision, which Republicans said contradicted the Wilson campaign slogan "He has kept us out of war," was called purely technical by Democrats.

William R. Willcox thought it effectively settled that slogan. Vance McCormick hadn't even heard of the decision, and evinced no enthusiasm when it was called to his attention. It was something neither interested nor intelligent to the layman, he said.

Manuel Calero, who is neither Democrat nor Republican, but was formerly Mexican Minister of Foreign Relations and later ambassador to the United States, thought the judge advocate had simply stated a self-evident truth in legal language. He pointed out that President Wilson, speaking over the bodies of soldiers killed at Vera Cruz, had talked of a "war of service." Army and navy officers agreed with him.

There was a report at Republican national headquarters yesterday that the decision of the Judge Advocate General had been approved by Secretary of War Baker.

Against the President

"It seems that one of the President's own men takes issue with him on the question whether we are at war or not," said Chairman Willcox. "In view of Brigadier General Crowder's decision it is proper for us to ask the Democratic National Committee whether they still believe President Wilson has kept us out of war."

"The decision, of course, is purely technical and not one that could possibly interest or be understood by the layman," said Chairman McCormick. "Whether the President kept us out of war is not to be decided by any court or jurist. The question will be answered on Election Day."

Army and navy men indicated they could pick no flaw in the decision of Brigadier General Crowder. "The decision of the judge advocate general is usually accepted as the law of the department," said Colonel William C. Church. "I can see no reason for questioning anybody concerning the status of Mexico and the United States; the opinion speaks for itself."

S. Stanwood Menken, head of the National Security League, said: "There is no doubt but that we have been at war with Mexico. When soldiers are shot down as ours were in two or three battles I don't see where anybody can find grounds for insisting that we are at peace with the country whose men are doing the killing."

Wilson Only One at Peace, Is Roosevelt's Comment

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.)

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 21.—Colonel Roosevelt left a dinner in his honor at the home of Dwight B. Heard here to-night to read The Tribune's summary of General Crowder's decision.

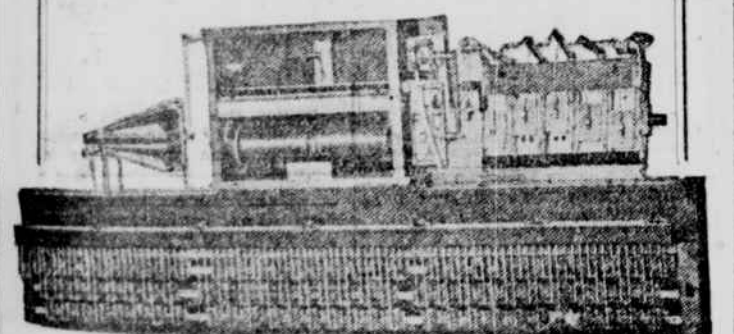
"The Democratic platform says that the Mexicans are not at war with us," he said. "Now General Crowder rules our army, under actual field conditions in Mexico, is at war with somebody. So it seems the only one at peace is Mr. Wilson."

"All of which reminds me of the anecdote about Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Smith. Mr. Tompkins came up behind Mr. Smith, grasped him by the coat collar and began kicking him. After this had continued for several minutes Mr. Smith crept away, murmuring, 'Thank God, I've kept out of a fight.' That is Mr. Wilson's position exactly when he says he has kept us out of war with Mexico."

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(Linen Department, Fourth Floor)

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(Fourth Floor)

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